

OVER BLACK 1

The SOUND of WINTER MOUNTAIN WIND

FADE IN

INT. APARTMENT LIVING ROOM - DAY 2

Five little cats stare up at a tall climbing structure.

EXT. BOTTOM OF MOUNT EVEREST - DAY 3

JAMES, Young Orange Cat dressed in winter uniform stares up at the top of the mountain.

LEONARD, Mature White Cat walks up to James.

LEONARD
Are you ready for this?

JAMES
Yes.

LEONARD
Remember, don't get distracted. This is the most treacherous mountain we have scaled yet. I am worried for all of us, but most all you.

James stares at the mountain.

LEONARD
James...

JAMES
What? I'm sorry, I was just...

LEONARD
All I said is, don't get distracted.

James looks down at the ground.

JAMES
Oh...

LEONARD
Do you need any help taking the first steps?

JAMES

No. I am good. I can do this on my own.

LEONARD

Well then good. Let's get started!

Leonard motions with his arm and takes the first step up the mountain. SCOTT, GEORGE, and MULTI-COLORED CAT follow right behind Leonard up the mountain. James climbs up the mountain.

EXT. VERTICAL ROCK SIDE OF MOUNTAIN - DUSK

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Leonard reaches for the next rock edge and grabs it. The cats dangle on the side of the mountain.

James and Multi-Colored Cat are near the bottom.

Above them, Scott, a fat cat munches on a chicken leg as he scales the mountain side. He sees something and stops munching.

A red twinkle of light flashes higher up on the mountain.

George, a grey middle aged cat, yells into the windy mountain side.

GEORGE

What was that?!

LEONARD

It's just your eyes playing tricks on you. Just keep climbing. We will get there eventually.

James clings to the side.

Scott climbs up a few inches. A gust of wind blows the chicken leg out of his hand. Scott watches the leg fall. A red light shimmers in the gleam of his eye. He looks up to a bright unavoidable red glow. His pupils dilate wide. He reaches towards the red glow and falls.

Scott falls past James and fades into the white abyss below him.

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EXT. FLAT AREA OF MOUNTAINSIDE - DAY

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James, Leonard, George and Multi-Colored Cat get on to a snow filled ledge.

LEONARD
Is everyone here?!

Leonard yells into the snowy mountain wind.

MULTI-COLORED CAT
Scott didn't make it.

George looks to his side.

LEONARD
What happened?

MULTI-COLORED CAT
I think he saw something. I am not sure what.

George walks away from the group.

MULTI-COLORED CAT
He fell down.

LEONARD
...well, okay. We have to move forward from that. Everyone else is here, James... where did George go?

Everyone looks around. George is nowhere to be seen.

LEONARD
Move forward.

EXT. MOUNTAINSIDE - NIGHT

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The ground to hike up on had gotten thinner. Leonard, Multi-Colored Cat, and James hike up on the snowy side of the mountain. They are hooked to a line so they don't fall down.

Leonard fades into the dense mountain air.

MULTI-COLORED CAT
Do you see Leonard?

JAMES
No! But I am sure he is ahead of us.

Multi-Colored Cat looks around the mountain range. He stops and stares off the mountain.

JAMES
George. George? What do you see?

MULTI-COLORED CAT
I can't look away.

James looks in the direction George is looking at.

The magnetic red aura emanates from off the mountain.

James covers his eyes with his paw.

JAMES
Don't get distracted, don't get
distracted. George, look away from it.

MULTI-COLORED CAT
It's an amazing light.

George steps forward but the link on the line holds him back.

JAMES
Don't go for it!

MULTI-COLORED CAT
I need to see what it is!

Multi-Colored Cat unlinks himself from the line. James grabs George by the paw.

JAMES
What are you doing!?

James has a paw over his eyes, protecting himself from the light. The light flickers in-between his quivering fingers.

MULTI-COLORED CAT
I just want to see what it is.

James loses his grip Multi-Colored Cat's paw slips through.

James is left alone on the mountain side.

EXT. MOUNTAIN SIDE, NEAR TOP OF MOUNTAIN - SAME

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The wind blows hard on James. He can barely keep his eyes open as he moves upward on the mountain. James stops moving right before the top of the mountain. He is shivering and

cold. A white paw reaches out for James.

James sniffs the air and opens his eyes.

LEONARD

You are almost there.

James reaches for a place to grip and the rock loosens.

LEONARD

James...

James looks up at LEONARD. Leonard extends his paw even further.

LEONARD

Take my paw.

James reaches and takes Leonard's paw. Leonard pulls James to the top of the mountain.

LEONARD

Congratulations James, you made it.

James satisfactorily smiles with his accomplishment. James and Leonard look off at the view from the top of the mountain.

INT. APARTMENT LIVING ROOM - AFTERNOON

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A WHITE CAT and an ORANGE CAT sit together on the top of a climbing structure. Below the climbing structure, a red laser dot moves across the floor and a GREY CAT chases it.

FADE OUT

THE END